

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I don't feel I should be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid. I purchased one via mail several years ago & have been very happy with it - no problems whatever. If this becomes necessary, I couldn't afford an exam, so let the FDA pay the bill.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

We live 25 mi from a hearing specialist & with the escalating fuel costs, it really becomes a problem.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Let me make my own decisions!!

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Yes, yes, yes - I have done this & am perfectly satisfied

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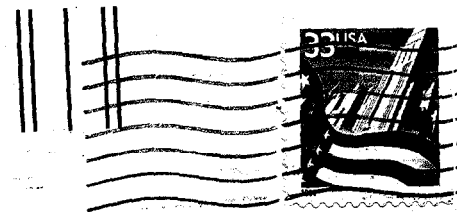
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